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FOUR MEXICAN NATIONALS, ONE KC WOMAN INDICTED IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that four Mexican nationals and a Kansas City, Mo., woman were indicted by a federal grand jury today for their role in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Arturo Navarrete-Silva, 39, and **Armando Rodela-Aguilar**, 43, both Mexican nationals living in Kansas City, **Joel Castro-Gaxiola**, 40, and **Reyes Guadalupe Martinez-Ruiz**, 29, both Mexican nationals living in City Heights, Calif., and **Angela Rose Fennell**, 23, of Kansas City, were charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Navarrete-Silva**, **Rodela-Aguilar**, **Castro-Gaxiola** and **Martinez-Ruiz** conspired to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between Feb. 20 and March 3, 2005.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Navarrete-Silva**, **Rodela-Aguilar**, **Castro-Gaxiola** and **Martinez-Ruiz** aided and abetted each other and others in the possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between Feb. 27 and March 3, 2005.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Castro-Gaxiola**, **Martinez-Ruiz** and **Fennell** aided and abetted each other and others in intentionally traveling from San Diego, Calif., to Kansas City between Feb. 27 and March 3, 2005, with the intent to promote the distribution of methamphetamine.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Castro-Gaxiola** was found inside the United States after having previously been denied admission and deported on Oct. 26, 2004, at or near San Diego.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that **Martinez-Ruiz** was found inside the United States after having been previously deported on July 4, 2004, at or near San Ysidro, Calif.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. The case was investigated by the Kansas City Metropolitan Drug Task Force and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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